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LEBANON
Baptist Association,
1900,



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T. J. Hardy,

F. F. Phillips,

A. Polk,

W. E. King.




MINUTES

OF THE

◇SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION◇

OF THE

Lebanon 

Baptist Association,

AT

HATTIESBURG, MISS.,

AUGUST 30 AND 31, 1900.

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OFFICERS.

O. D. Bowen, Ellisville,
Chas. G. Elliott, Meridian,

Moderator
Clerk and Treasurer

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The next meeting of the Association will be held with the Lumberton church, beginning Wednesday before the first Sunday in September, 1901.

BRANDON, MISS.

E. B. TABOR, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,
1900.

Ordained Ministers--Their Postoffice.

O. D. BOWEN,	Ellisville, Miss.
R. A. BRECKENRIDGE,	Meridian, Miss.
J. F. BYNUM,	Escatawpa, Miss.
TYRA COOLEY,	Heidelberg, Miss.
R. N. DAVIS,	Perkinston, Miss.
CHAS. G. ELLIOTT,	Meridian, Miss.
J. R. FARISH,	Meridian, Miss.
W. B. HOLCOMB,	Poplarville, Miss.
J. N. McMILLAN,	Hattiesburg, Miss.
W. W. MITCHELL,	Poplarville, Miss.
R. C. MURRAY,	Purvis, Miss.
W. A. ROPER,	Heidelberg, Miss.
M. G. TURNER,	Ellisville, Miss.
J. H. WILLIAMS,	Meridian, Miss.

PROCEEDINGS.

First Day—Morning Session.

After meeting at various places, the Lebanon Association returned to the place where it was organized six years ago, and met in its sixth annual session with the Hattiesburg church, on August 30. At 10 o'clock in the morning, the Moderator chosen at every session, had not come in on account of a belated train, so the Clerk called the body to order. It having been decided to go into temporary organization pending the arrival of those delayed, Brother J. B. Searcy, pastor of the church at Biloxi, and a visitor to our body from the Gulf Coast Association, was requested to conduct the devotional exercises. The thirty-fourth Psalm was read and comments made upon some special passages.

Brother Roper was then chosen temporary Moderator.

Brethren Tucker and Morgan were appointed to read the letters, while Brethren Conner and Price were made a committee on Finance.

The enrollment of delegates resulted as follows, some coming in later:

Augusta—Earnest McCoy, Jno. McDonald.
Big Level—Wesley Miles, R. Q. Breland,
Brooklyn—W. T. McCoy, A. Fillingim.
Corinth—B. M. Morgan, G. C. McKinstry.
Eastabuchie—H. H. McComb.,
Ellisville—O. D. Bowen, J. F. Parker, Earnest Williams, L. R. Collins.

Fairfield—S. B. Stringer.

Hattiesburg—J. N. McMillan, W. M. Conner, O. J. Bowen, A. Polk, S. C. Tucker, F. F. Phillips, W. D. Hurst.

Heidelberg—J. D. Rowell.

Immanuel—Chas. G. Elliott, I. J. Tew, Guy Hurlbutt, J. R. Farish.

Indian Springs—R. D. Batson, Jno. McCardle, A. M. Carter.

Lacey—Not represented.

Laurel—Not represented.

Lumberton—G. H. Suttle, A. A. Pigford.

McLaurin—Miss Annie Dean, messenger.

Nicholson—Letter.

Perkinston—R. N. Davis, J. M. Price, C. C. Breland.

Phaltai—M. F. Berry.

Poplarville—W. B. Holcomb, W. W. Mitchell, W. E. King, H. S. Smith, J. A. Moody.

Purvis—J. G. Holcomb.

Sandersville—W. J. Saul, J. A. Buchanan.

Shady Grove—W. A. Roper, W. T. Bounds, Jas. Travis, J. A. Lyon.

Slidell—J. D. Anderson, J. F. Polk.

Vernon—T. B. Hosey, B. F. Hosey.

Wiggins—E. R. Davis.

Permanent organization was effected by re-electing the officers of last year.

Brother Conner announced that Brother McMillan, pastor of the Hattiesburg church, was sick and had been forbidden by the doctor to leave his room, and that his son was sick, too; that he hoped, however, to be out on the next day.

The delegates from Hattiesburg, with the Moderator, were appointed a committee on hours of meeting and adjournment, and reported as follows: Meet at 9 A. M.,

adjourn at 11:45 A. M.; meet at 2 P. M., adjourn at pleasure; meet at 7:30 P. M. for the Associational sermon.

Visiting brethren present were invited to seats, viz:

J. B. Searcy, Gulf Coast Association.

J. E. Davis, Pearl Leaf Association.

T. E. H. Robinson, Pearl Leaf Association.

J. G. Sibley, Hobolochitto Association.

The Clerk read a letter from the Tallahatchie Association, but none of their messengers were present.

After authorizing the Moderator to appoint all necessary committees, the Association adjourned with prayer by Brother Sibley.

First Day—Afternoon Session.

The body met promptly at at 2 o'clock, devotional exercises being conducted by the Moderator.

The following committees were announced:

Sunday Schools—I. J. Tew, Wesley Miles, R. D. Batson, E. F. Hosey, Jno. McDonald.

Woman's Work—O. J. Bowen, J. D. Rowell, S. C. Tucker, Jas. Travis, A. A. Pigford, Earnest McCoy.

Sustentation—W. T. McCoy, R. Q. Breland, W. T. Bounds, W. J. Saul.

Nominations—W. W. Mitchell, L. R. Collins, A. Polk, J. M. Price, G. H. Suttle.

Publications—R. N. Davis, B. M. Morgan, J. A. Lyon, W. E. King.

Temperance—W. M. Conner, Earnest Williams, T. B. Hosey, W. B. Holcomb.

Missions—F. F. Phillips, A. Fillingim, Guy Hurlbutt, C. C. Breland.

Education—W. A. Roper, A. M. Carter, G. C. McKinstry, J. A. Moody.

Orphans' Home—M. F. Berry, J. A. Buchanan, E. R. Davis, J. D. Anderson.

State of Churches—J. F. Parker, S. B. Stringer, Jno. McCardle, J. G. Holcomb, J. F. Polk.

MINUTES OF LEBANON

The Treasurer's report was submitted and adopted.

Report of Treasurer.

Chas. G. Elliott, Treasurer,

1899.	To the Lebanon Association, Dr.	
Sept. 1,	To Balance on hand	\$ 10 40
	To Cash from the Finance Committee	100 05
	To Cash from Mrs. O. S. Conner for	
1900	Brother Maynard's Home	1 00
May 1,	To Cash from Big Level Church	1 00
	To Cash from Indian Springs Church	2 40
	To Cash from Eastabuchie Church	2 25
	To Cash from Immanuel Church	2 50
	To Cash from Hattiesburg Church	10 00
	To Cash from Poplarville Church	1 50
	To Cash from Lumberton Church	1 00
	To Cash from Shady Grove Church	1 00
	To Cash from Vernon Church	1 00
	To Cash from Heidelberg Church	75

Total ----- \$ 134 85

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1899	Sept. 9, By Cash to T. J. Bailey, Treasurer Convention Board	\$ 39 30
	15, Cash to Foreign Missions	10 40
	15, Cash to Home Missions	2 50
	23, Cash, Printing Minutes	25 00
	26, Cash to Clerk	20 00
	Express on Minutes	80
	Postage	5 00
1900	Stationery	15
April 15	Postage spent collecting money for delegate to Southern Baptist Convention	75
May 8,	Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention	23 40
14,	Ministerial Education (W. E. Hathorn)	7 50

Total ----- \$ 134 85

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. G. ELLIOTT,
Treasurer of Lebanon Baptist Association.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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Brother L. E. Hall, pastor of the church where the Association was organized six years ago, but lately moved to the Gulf Coast Association, was recognized by the Moderator and given a cordial welcome back home.

At the request of Brother Hall, the report on Missions was set for 2:30 Friday evening, as the secretary of the State Mission Board was expected to be present at that time.

Brother Searcy was given an opportunity to present the claims of the work on the coast at Biloxi, and took a collection for the church building, getting in cash and pledges \$55, \$10 of which was given by the ladies whom he addressed on the same subject at the Methodist church.

Brother Sibley spoke concerning his work in the "Lower Pearl River" field, along the Louisiana line.

By special action, the Executive Committee was permanently located at Hattiesburg.

The Moderator brought before the Association the Twentieth Century movement. A motion to appoint a committee of three to co-operate with the State committee brought out a lively discussion, engaged in by Brethren Roper, O. D. Bowen, Searcy and Elliott.

The committee on Nominations submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Report on Nominations.

Your committee on Nominations recommend that our next Association be held with the church at Lumberton, on Wednesday before the first Sunday in September, 1901, at 10 o'clock A. M.; that Brother J. N. McMillan preach the Associational sermon, and that Brother C. G. Elliott be his alternate.

We nominate Brother W. A. Roper as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Brother O. D. Bowen alternate.

As delegates to the Baptist State Convention: W. B. Holcomb, F. F. Phillips, J. R. Farish.

We nominate as Executive Committee: W. M. Con-

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ner, O. J. Bowen, F. F. Phillips, A. Polk, W. E. King
and T. J. Hardy.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. MITCHELL,
A. POLK,
L. R. COLLINS,
G. H. SUTTLE,
J. M. PRICE, Committee.

The agreement entered into last year to pay the expenses of the delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention was made permanent, after discussion by Brethren O. D. Bowen, Roper, Mitchell and Elliott.

Brother Conner read the report on Temperance. It was vigorously discussed by Brethren Conner, Hall, Searcy, Farish, Sibley and W. B. Holcomb, and adopted.

Report on Temperance.

Brethren, your committee appointed to write a report on this subject, beg leave to submit the following:

For years and years, this subject has been regarded by Christian people as one of the most, if not the most important of any coming before our body. Abie reports have been written, earnest appeals have been made, and much good has been accomplished; yet a complete victory has not been won. King Alcohol, as he was wont to be called, has been driven from stronghold to stronghold, until to-day he holds legal sway in only a very few places in our State; and from these few places the cry comes up, "He is still the old arch-enemy of all that is pure and good." He has not changed, and, like the laws of the Medes and Persians, he cannot be changed; and wherever this hydra-headed monster dares to show himself, the cause of Christ suffers through the evils growing out of the legal and illicit sale of intoxicating drinks. Oh! that the day may speedily roll around when the statute books of our State shall no longer be disgraced by an act legalizing the sale of intoxicants.

The last State Legislature passed very stringent and far-reaching laws in their efforts to break up or capture the monster known as the "Blind Tiger." We heartily approve of these legislative enactments, and urge our brethren everywhere to aid the officers of our country in

their efforts to enforce this law; and further, never relax your efforts to accomplish a complete victory, but carry the fight on and on, until the joyful cry comes up from the East and from the West, and from the North and from the South, from center to circumference, that our land is free from this, the greatest of all evils.

W. M. CONNER,
W. B. HOLCOMB,
EARNEST WILLIAMS,
T. B. HOSEY, Committee.

On motion of Brother Farish, Brother Conner was requested to get this report into as many of the secular papers as possible.

Adjourned. Prayer by Brother Davis.

First Day—Evening Session.

The Association assembled at 7:30 to hear the annual sermon, which was preached by Brother Roper. Text: II Tim. iv:2.

The hour of 7:30 P. M., Friday, was made the special order for the Sunday School report.

Adjourned. Benediction by the Moderator.

Second Day—Morning Session.

Brother Sibley conducted the devotional exercises, reading the thirty-seventh Psalm.

The minutes of the first day's session were read and approved.

Other visiting brethren had come in, and were invited to seats with us, viz:

A. V. Rowe, Secretary of the Convention Board; W. T. Lowrey, President of Mississippi College; T. J. Bailey, editor of *The Baptist*; J. L. Finley, Pearl Leaf Association, pastor within our own bounds.

Brother Parker submitted the report on the State of

the Churches, which brought forth remarks from Brethren Searcy, Red, W. B. Holcomb, Lowrey, Roper, Rowe, Finley, Farish, Bailey, Conner and Elliott. The report as read was adopted.

Report on State of Churches.

Your committee on State of Churches report as follows: The spiritual condition indicated by the letters from the churches of this Association, from the increase in membership by baptism this year, is very encouraging indeed, but we feel that there is yet more room for advancement along this line, and calls for more vigorous work from our pastors and laymen and the earnest prayers of all Christian people in the future.

We note with much pleasure that the spirit of liberality and Christian giving among the churches is decidedly on the increase, but much more effective work can be done, if the churches will adopt more systematic measures, and make them intensely personal.

We further recommend that all our pastors make it a part of their work to educate the membership of their churches, on the subject of giving liberally to all objects fostered by this Association, more especially that of missions.

We further recommend that all contributions given to the various objects, fostered by this body, be paid into the treasuries of the churches, to be reported and accounted for to the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. PARKER,

S. B. STRINGER,

J. G. HOLCOMB,

J. H. POLK, Committee.

The report on Education was presented by Brother Roper, as follows:

Report on Education.

We are again pleased to commend the interest our people are taking in education.

Our Legislature at its last session added \$50,000 to the common school fund.

Our high schools and academies have a warm place in the hearts of our people and are being patronized as never before.

College education is receiving greater attention than at any time in our preceding history. The enrollment at Blue Mountain during the past session surpassed anything in its history. Mississippi College is gaining year by year.

We are prouder still at the awakening interest in ministerial education. Our churches, realizing the need of men prepared to teach, are demanding an educated ministry, even in our rural churches. The education of the masses creates an imperative demand for an educated ministry.

There were thirty-two young men in our College during the last session and eight from Mississippi in the Theological Seminary, preparing for ministerial work.

The great need of the pulpits is men educated in head and heart. We would urge upon our young brethren, their teachers and their parents, to see that they have this double training, which shall fit them for the God-imposed duties that rest upon them.

We would recommend that our people assist these God-called young men both by their prayers and means.

We further recommend that our people patronize our denominational schools in preference to others of like grade.

W. A. ROPER,

G. C. MCKINSTRY,

A. U. CARTER,

J. A. MOODY, Committee.

Brethren Lowrey and Farish spoke to the report, which was then adopted.

Adjourned. Prayer by Brother Finley.

Second Day—Afternoon Session.

Upon reassembling at the hour for meeting after dinner, two letters were found to have arrived from Eastabuchie and Augusta. They were read and the delegates seated.

The Clerk read the report on the Orphans' Home, which had been turned over to him by Brother M. F. Berry, who had to leave on the noon train, not having had an opportunity to see the other members of the committee and so signed it alone, as chairman of the committee. It was discussed by Brethren Buchanan (a member of the committee), Bailey, and Searcy, and, as appended, adopted.

Report on Mississippi Baptist Orphanage.

Every Christian heart is touched with genuine sympathy for the helpless and homeless orphans of the State, and all are rejoiced to know that a benevolent spirit moved on the hearts of Mississippi Baptists to provide an orphanage, which, under the blessings of God, has grown and prospered in a practical way into suitable buildings, sufficient for the comfort and moral, mental and Christian training of perhaps thirty or more homeless orphans. The property is growing in value and moving upward to a broader line of usefulness. And with its advance in providing for a still larger number of waifs of charity, comes additional burdens and responsibilities to the Baptist denomination and the charitable people of the State.

The Board of Trustees have planned, as far as possible, to give a home to every white orphan in the State of Mississippi. And as no debt is ever to be made to encumber the property, and no scheme ever to be resorted to of raising money by traveling shows, raffles, lectures, charity balls, etc., we may know at a glance, and be happy to know it, that the orphanage must be maintained by honest and free-will contributions; that the daily wants and necessities of these helpless orphans, appeal every day to the hearts of Baptists and to the charities of every citizen of the State.

We may ask to whom this appeal is made, and upon whom may the trusting, helpless orphans rely for material support? Certainly not on the very poor, who have only the widow's mite—which carries its blessings, but meets no large necessities; not on the very rich (except in special cases) who are usually too much absorbed in business to remember the orphan. Rather may they look with grate-

ful hearts to the middle classes—the common people, with strong, loving hearts and robust ideas of charity—ever ready to make sacrifices in planning and building and working for others. Of such are the noble and self-sacrificing Baptists of the State, to whom the orphanage may mostly look for support. And God will direct and sustain them in their charitable and benevolent work for the orphanage, which has no income but the contributions of the Baptist churches and the people, and to whom, through the blessings of God, your committee (in this limited space) begs to address the appeal and end this report, beseeching the prayers of God's people for the orphanage at all times. Respectfully submitted,

M. F. BERRY, Chairman.

The hour for the special order having arrived, Brother Phillips read the

Report on Missions.

The will of Christ, on Missions, is clearly made known in the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation.

While the missionary spirit appears to be rapidly and properly taking hold of the Baptist people, and actuating them to undertake greater things to send the gospel to a lost people, yet how little of the field has been taken for Christ.

Spreading the gospel is the distinctive cause for which churches exist. Every avenue of this great work encourages us to undertake larger things. We cannot afford to satisfy ourselves with the standards of giving and doing which have obtained in the past. We must see to it that our standards move up in the same ratio as our ability to give increases.

The Foreign Missionary Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is vigorously pushing the work in China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Mexico and Brazil. Results in this work are not always as favorable as we would have them. For in 1896, after fifty years had been given by the board to foreign fields, the entire living membership of the church was but 3,801. During the last three years there have been added 2,887, nearly as many as during the first half century of the work. Last year there were 1341 baptisms reported. This is the largest in the history of the work.

The present opposition in China, though the effect on many of our timid, half-hearted Christians, at present, is unwholesome, will unquestionably result in enlarged opportunities. We may well expect resistance when we attack such a stronghold of sin. Satan sees the wonderful progress we are making and is giving us opposition. Now is the time to press forward without demoralization over the rebuffs of the devil.

The Home Mission Board is hopeful in its work in the entire South, including Oklahoma, Indian Territory and the Islands of Cuba. The increase in Baptists of the South during the last fifty years has been more than two and a half millions. Much of this increase is unquestionably due to the Home Board. Churches which were aided in infancy and in times of weakness, are now strong and are giving large amounts for both Home and Foreign Missions.

Our moneyed contributions last year to Home Board were \$79,366. The plan of work for next year calls for \$150,000. In the employment of the Home Board there are 571 missionaries. Six hundred and thirty-eight of these are supported jointly by the Home Board and State Boards.

Foreign Missions will unquestionably suffer unless we build up our churches and church interests at home.

The work of the State Mission Board is especially interesting and important to us, because Jesus commanded, "begin at Jerusalem," which means our own State—our Association, if you please.

The organized and result-seeing work of our State Board is indeed gratifying to all interested. In the bounds of our own Association, and along the Gulf and Ship Island road by our own Brother Hall, and in the contiguous country to the right of him, by Rev. J. G. Sibley, and on the left by Dr. Searcy, we have seen and heard of directly, their telling results in developing the spiritual condition of this neglected country. God has been with them, and well he has, for the sacrifice, the great and tedious labor, the discouragements at times, and their little pay go a long way to render the work impossible for man save for the consciousness he is doing God's bidding.

But behold what progress they have made! New

houses, new homes and new communities for the Master, and behold what progress awaits them in the future.

Your committee sees the wisdom in the action of the Convention Board in placing strong men in these destitute fields, and supporting them, that they may give their entire attention to building up the spiritual condition of our neglected people. Let us continue to press forward in our missionary efforts. If we heed the Master's will in missions, many and copious will be the showers of blessings upon us in the years to come.

F. F. PHILLIPS,
A. FILLINGIM,
GUY HURLBUTT,
C. C. BRELAND.

Brother Rowe, Secretary of the Convention Board, discussed the mission question, and the report was adopted.

The Moderator announced the Twentieth Century movement committee—W. A. Roper, W. B. Holcomb, W. M. Conner.

Brother Sibley having to leave, extended an invitation to the delegates to attend the Hobolochitto Association, which is to meet with White Sand church, seven miles west of Poplarville, on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October. Brother Holcomb, pastor of the Poplarville Baptist church, announced that he would see that transportation would be furnished from Poplarville, for all who would go.

Brother Curry, pastor of the Presbyterian church, in whose house we were holding our sessions, was introduced to the body, and gave a few words of welcome.

Corresponding Messengers were sent to the following bodies:

Tallahala Association—B. M. Morgan, J. A. Buchanan,
W. J. Saul, B. F. Hosey.
Pearl Leaf Association—A. Polk, W. M. Conner, J. N. McMillin.
Gulf Coast Association—W. B. Holcomb, O. D. Bowen,

R. N. Davis, J. M. Price, O. J. Bowen, W. A. Roper, W. M. Conner, F. F. Phillips, W. E. King.

Hobolochitto Association—W. B. Holcomb, W. E. King, H. S. Smith.

Chickasahay Association—W. A. Roper, J. R. Farish.

Brother Davis submitted the report on Publications, which received notice from Brethren Bailey, Searcy, Lowrey, Farish and O. J. Bowen, and, as read, was adopted.

Report on Publications.

We, your committee on Publications, beg leave to report as follows: We believe that men, women and children ought to be habitual readers. And they ought to read good, wholesome books and literature, for as we read we think, and as we think, so we are. Trashy and debasing novels and periodicals ought not to have a place in any home. Some of our people refuse to subscribe for our most excellent State paper, *The Baptist*, because its subscription price is \$2 per annum. They say they can get as many papers as they want for half that sum. Certainly so. But a ton of rotten corn is worth less than a peck of sound. We would urge all our people to subscribe for, pay for and read our own denominational literature, and especially our State paper.

But as good and as pure, as strong and as instructive as our denominational literature is, it ought not and cannot take the place of the Word of God. The holy scriptures should fill the first place in our homes and reading. This word is the more sure word of prophecy, and is able to make its readers wise unto Salvation.

In our own opinion we stand in great need of a Colporteur, but in the absence of a general Colporteur, we would recommend that each church interest itself in the circulation of the Holy Scriptures and our denominational literature in its own bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

R. N. DAVIS,
J. A. LYON,
W. E. KING,
B. M. MORGAN.

The Finance Committee reported \$103.15 received for all purposes, which was turned over to the Treasurer. The Association ordered the undesignated mission money to be divided among the three mission boards.

Brother Conner offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That our faithful Secretary be paid \$25 for this year's work, and that he be authorized to have the Minutes of this meeting printed and distributed as usual.

Brother O. J. Bowen read the report on Woman's Work. It was adopted after discussion by Brethren O. J. Bowen, Searcy and Roper.

Report on Woman's Work.

We are of the firm belief that it is not only the right of a Christian woman to work for her Master's cause, but that it is as well a matter of duty and necessity. We believe there is a field for her, although limited and circumscribed by scriptural teaching and injunction, but we are convinced that the limitation of her field is additional reason why her work should be recognized and encouraged by pastors and laymen, and as our observation is that this is not always done, we think that it will be well for the brethren to take the matter to God in earnest prayer that they may see their way to extend their counsel and guidance to the women of our churches. We believe that our women are averse to doing anything that would be detrimental to the cause of Christ, and when they enter into questionable things, it is through misconception of the methods they employ, and because they are not properly guided and directed by the brethren. We further recommend that the women's work be recognized by this Association.

Respectfully submitted

O. J. BOWEN,
S. C. TUCKER,
J. D. ROWELL,
JAMES TRAVIS,
A. A. PIGFORD.

Sister E. V. Clark, who has so efficiently filled the position of Vice President of Women's Work for this Association for several years, having signified her desire not to be again chosen to that office; Mrs. R. B. Stapleton, Hattiesburg, Miss., was elected to fill the vacancy.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, By the delegates of the Lebanon Association assembled, that we extend to Sister E. V. Clark, whose term of office as President of the Woman's Missionary work of Lebanon Association now expires, this expression of appreciation for her faithful and effective services rendered the denomination throughout her fruitful term of office.

Adjourned—prayer by Brother McMillan.

Second Day—Evening Session.

Met at 7:40. Prayer by Brother Roper.

Brother Conner read the Sunday School report for the chairman of the committee.

Report on Sunday Schools.

Brother Moderator and Brethren: Your committee appointed to report on Sunday Schools beg to submit the following: By reference to the various church letters we are very much surprised to find only fourteen churches out of twenty-five who report Sunday Schools.

Your committee feels constrained to ask, "Is it possible, in this enlightened and enthusiastic Christian age, that there should be eleven churches belonging to the Lebanon Association, who do not recognize the importance of this great work, and who are year by year idling away the precious, God-given moments of their lives, instead of employing them to the honor and glory of God in teaching and learning His blessed word?" If such be the case, your committee would, with all the earnestness of their nature, beg these churches to arouse at once from their "Rip VanWinkle" lethargy to a full sense of their duty. Yea, not only duty, but glorious privilege of showing in this way some little appreciation of the great love where-with God has loved us.

By reference to statistical report of last year, as compared to this, we note there has been an increase of one Sunday school only throughout the entire Association during the year that closes to-night, and further, that there is a considerable falling off as to number of pupils reported, as compared to last year. Your committee is at a loss to account for this upon any other hypothesis than defective statistics, growing out, possibly, of the carelessness of those to whom the churches have intrusted the preparation of their Associational letters. Your committee feels it to be their duty to insist that the Sunday schools at all times and everywhere should be under the direct control of the church, and responsible to her for the class of work done.

In conclusion, pardon us for suggesting that from our observation we are lead to believe that there are some who think the Sunday school was organized only in the interest of women and children. Allow us, if possible, to disabuse your mind of this fallacy, and assure you that a Sunday school is, and should be, for all, both young and old alike, and the obligations to attend and the necessity for attendance just as great and binding upon one as the other.

I. J. TEW,
R. D. BATSON,
J. C. McDONALD,
W. MILES.

This was discussed by Brethren Conner, W. B. Holcomb, Farish and Finley, and adopted.

Brother Roper read the

Report on Sustentation.

We, your committee on Sustentation, are sure we are called upon to give thought and call attention to one of our most important duties, viz: Caring for those who have been faithful ministers and are now old and helpless. If, while in vigor and health, through worthy labors, they are "worthy of double honor" and support, as mentioned in 1 Tim. 5-17-18, surely we should continue to love, honor and help them in their old age and helpless condition. We fear that too few of our churches are awake to this important duty. It is shown in our statistics of last

year that only eight out of twenty-five churches in our Association gave to this worthy cause. Brethren, such should not be the case. We should all give more liberally to these helpless though faithful servants of the Master.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. MCCOY,

R. O. BRELAND,

W. J. SAUL,

W. R. BOUNDS.

Brethren Roper, O. D. Bowen, Searcy, Donald, Elliott and Phillips took advantage of this opportunity to discuss this important subject, after which the report was adopted.

The following resolutions were adopted by rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this entire body are due and are hereby tendered to our Presbyterian brethren for the use of their house of worship in which to hold our meetings, and for their offer, through their pastor, of any aid they might render, even to the entertaining of delegates.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the Baptist church and citizens generally of Hattiesburg, for the cordial hospitality shown us during the session of this body.

Resolved, That we tender to the pastor of the Baptist church here, Brother McMillan, our sympathy in his own illness, and that of his son, and express to him our regret at his enforced absence from our sessions, and our prayers for a speedy recovery to health.

Every item of business having been attended to, with prayer by Brother Searcy, we adjourned to meet with the church at Lumberton, on Wednesday before the first Sunday in September, 1901, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Constitution.

ARTICLE 1. The name of this Association shall be the
LEBANON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, and a Clerk who shall also be ex-officio Treasurer. They shall be elected annually by ballot and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

ART. 3. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom by the concentration of Christian labor, inculcation of Bible truth, and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the churches.

ART. 4. Members of the Association may be of two classes, viz: Male delegates, and messengers who shall produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent, before being entitled to seats. Only the delegates shall have the right to vote.

ART. 5. Each church belonging to the Association shall be entitled to two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and one additional delegate for each additional fifty or fractional part thereof; provided, that ministers who are members of such churches, but supply other pulpits, may be appointed as additional delegates to the regular quota.

ART. 6. This Association shall only have the power of an advisory council and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches.

ART. 7. No queries shall be considered by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches, and such queries shall embrace only questions of doctrine.

ART. 8. The Association shall meet annually as may be agreed upon, and after enrolling the names of the delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a Moderator, and a Clerk who shall be ex-officio Treasurer of the Association.

ART. 9. The duties of the various officers of the Association shall be similar to those of all deliberative bodies, and Mell's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of all decisions of order.

ART. 10. Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, may become members of this Association by a unanimous vote, and letters of dismission may be obtained without assigning a reason therefor, by the concurrence of a majority present, while the Association retains the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly.

ART. 11. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and Glory.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old Testament and the New were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity, and man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe that God chose his people, in Christ, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept

by the power of God through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and as he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust, and the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible church of Christ is composed of baptized believers only, who have covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the rules of the New Testament Scriptures.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only lawgiver of his church and that the government is with the church, each member having equal rights therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of the church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and can be administered only by those duly authorized by the church, and that only believers in Christ are the proper subjects of the ordinance.

13. We believe that regularly baptized believers only have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

14. We believe that the churches compose Christ's visible kingdom on the earth, and they are independent of each other; choosing their own bishops, and other executive officers, none of whom may lord it over God's heritage.



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Woman's Missionary Society.

CHURCHES.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	POSTOFFICE.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Relief of Poor	Orphan's Home	Mississippi College	Church Expenses	Building and Repairing	Pastors' Salary	Miscellaneous	Total
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Brooklyn														
Corinth														
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Hattiesburg	Mrs. R.B. Stapleton	Miss L. Bostick	Hattiesburg		145 68	10 76	71 45	30 00	5 00		856 76			1135 65
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Immanuel														
Indian Springs														
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Laurel	Mrs. J. Thorpe	Mrs. Jennie Jarvis	Laurel											
Lumberton	Mrs. G. H. Suttle	Miss Mary Hall	Lumberton	10 00	5 00					121 70			24 75	160 85
McHenry	Mrs. J. F. McCarty	Miss T. Arrington	McHenry	27 50		3 00		5 00	5 00	60 00				106 50
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Poplarville	Mrs. W. T. Scott	Mrs. J. C. Gridley	Poplarville											
Purvis	Mrs. L. L. Polk	Miss Ottis Purves	Purvis											
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Slidell											2600 00	81 00		681 00
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Zions Hill											75 00			75 00
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Aggregate Contributions of Church, Woman's Society, and Sunday School.

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